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TO: All County Agricultural Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Update - Mexican Certification Requirements for Light Brown Apple Moth Host Materials

This advisory supersedes Phytosanitary Advisory No. 04-2008.

Mexico has updated their requirements for certification of host materials of the Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM), *Epiphyas postvittana*, shipped from California.

Effective immediately, Mexican LBAM regulated areas are now the same as the State Interior Quarantine (CCR 3434) and the Federal Quarantine Order for LBAM. Los Angeles and Napa counties are no longer quarantined by Mexico. Potatoes, carrots, sugar beets and radishes are not regulated in the current Mexican list of LBAM host materials. Authorized certification officials should always review the "Restricted Products" section in EXCERPT carefully before certifying associated shipments.

The following are other notable changes in the Mexican regulation for certifying LBAM host materials:

(1) **Certification procedures for fruits and vegetables**

1a. LBAM quarantine counties

Fruit and vegetables originating or packed in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Solano counties must have:

- LBAM monitoring system showing negative results.
- An integrated pest management program, which includes LBAM.
- A Federal Phytosanitary Certificate with an Additional Declaration (AD) that, "The product has been inspected and found free of any biologic instars of *Epiphyas postvittana*."
- Met all requirements previously established by the existing regulation.

Products will be subject to inspection and sampling at any point of entry into Mexico.

1b. Other California counties

Fruit and vegetables originating or packed outside the quarantine counties must:

- Meet any requirements listed in the "Product Requirements" section in "EXCERPT"
- Have a Federal Phytosanitary Certificate indicating origin of commodity and an AD that, "The product has been inspected and found free of any biologic instars of *Epiphyas postvittana*."
- Meet all requirements previously established by the existing regulation.

Products will be subject to inspection and sampling at any point of entry into Mexico.

(2) **Certification procedures for herbaceous and woody plants**

2a. LBAM quarantine counties

Host products produced or packed in the California counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Solano

- LBAM monitoring system showing negative results at the site of production, packing houses and in the areas (3 kilometers or ~1.9 miles) around them. Monitoring must be established with a detection system by means of sexual pheromone traps (CheckMate

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- LBAM-F and/or CheckMate OLR-F). The traps will be placed at a maximum distance of 200 meters between each other.
- Nurseries or units of production must be under a phytosanitary certification program
- Must have a Federal Phytosanitary Certificate with an Additional Declaration (AD) that, "The product has been inspected and found free of any biologic instars of *Epiphyas postvittana*."
- Products must be sent in closed containers that have been sealed at origin
- Will be subject to inspection and sampling at any point of entry into Mexico
- Must meet all requirements previously established by the existing regulation

Products will be subject to inspection and sampling at any point of entry into Mexico. Mexican/ SAGARPA officials will conduct a site visit (verification at origin) and will take samples to verify phytosanitary conditions. Approval of shipments will be subject to the results of the sampling.

2b. Other California counties

Host products produced outside of the LBAM quarantined counties must:

- Meet any requirements listed in the "Product Requirements" section in "EXCERPT"
- Operate under a phytosanitary certification program
- Have a Federal Phytosanitary Certificate indicating origin of commodity and an AD that, "The product has been inspected and found free of any biologic instars of *Epiphyas postvittana*."
- Meet all requirements previously established by the existing regulation.

Products will be subject to inspection and sampling at any point of entry into Mexico.

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